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**Lake County Commissioners Amend Operating Procedures at County Buildings:
County Buildings Begin to Reopen to the General Public**

The Board of Lake County Commissioners continues to consult with public health officials to ensure that we maintain the countless public services for our citizens and businesses at our County facilities. Our goal is to maintain quality and timely services to the best of our ability during this unprecedented public health event. In doing so, the County must also provide a safe working environment for our employees and visitors while adhering to the various local, state and federal public health protocols currently in place.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2020 at 8:00 am, County buildings controlled by the Board of Commissioners be open to the general public with limited exceptions. The Lake County Jobs and Family Services Dept. will continue to work in a hybrid manner with limited public interface. JFS customers are encouraged to call 440.350.4000 for program and service information. Also, the Lake County Building Department will continue to accept public visitation via appointment until June 15th while completing a software upgrade. Resident and businesses should call the Building Department at 440.350.2636 to schedule an appointment.

“Our measured approach to getting Lake County back in business gives our employees, residents and businesses the best avenue for a successful, sustainable and healthy path forward,” commented Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

All visitors will be required to enter the main county facilities from the new Administration Center lobby at 105 Main St., Painesville, Ohio. Guests are encouraged to wear masks and will need to register with the Lake County Sheriff’s Deputy and will be given a temperature check. Guests with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted in the buildings.

Commissioner Jerry Cirino said, “We are progressing on a path to get back to normal in our County operations. We appreciate the patience of our residents and commitment of our employees during this transition.”

Residences and businesses are encouraged to continue utilizing the alternative service models currently in place for county businesses. A large number of county functions will still be completed via email, regular mail, fax or by telephone correspondence. Examples include, but are not limited to, paying utility bills, submitting bid documents and building permit applications.

Please contact the appropriate County Courts for their schedule and availability (numbers listed below).

“During this pandemic, the focus of Lake County government remains to support the needs and aspirations of Lake County Citizens. In that vein, we are constantly striving to improve services in a

constantly changing environment. Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions as to how we can do better," added Commissioner Ron Young.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the "Elected Officials" and "County Department" tabs at the top of the County website at www.lakecountyoohio.gov for more information and specific contact information. For specific questions and service needs regarding a specific office or department, please see the following directory:

Auditor - Chris Galloway:	440-350-2532
Building Inspection:	440-350-2636
Buildings and Grounds	440-350-2576
Clerk of Courts - Legal:	440-350-2657
COC Title/Mentor:	440-350-2800
COC Title/Wickliffe:	440-918-3443
Commissioners Office:	440-350-2745
Common Pleas Courts:	
Judge Culotta:	440-350-2736 CP#1
Judge O'Donnell:	440-350-2662 CP#2
Judge Lucci:	440-350-2100 CP#4
Judge Condon:	440-350-2720 CP#5
Judge Falkowski:	440-350-2708 Domestic Relations
Judge Lawson:	440-350-3000 Juvenile
Judge Bartolotta:	440-350-2626 Probate
Coroner - Dr. Komar:	440-350-2789
Crime Lab:	440-350-2793
Dog Warden:	440-350-2640
Board of Elections:	440-350-2700
EMA:	440-350-5499
Engineer - Jim Gills:	440-350-2770
GIS:	440-350-5970
Health District:	440-350-2543
Hotel/Motel:	440-350-5580
Job and Family Services:	440-350-4000
Law Library:	440-350-2638
Loss Control:	440-350-2541
Mailroom:	440-350-2576
Narcotics:	440-350-3333
Notary:	440-350-5800
OSU Extension:	440-350-2582
Planning:	440-350-2740
Port:	440-350-2290
Prevailing Wage:	440-350-2770
Adult Probation:	440-350-5570
Prosecutor - Charles Coulson:	440-350-2683
Public Defender:	440-350-3200
Purchasing:	440-350-2390
Recorder - Becky Lynch:	440-350-2510
Sheriff - Frank Leonbruno:	440-350-5517
Soil & Water:	440-350-2730

Stormwater:	440-350-5900
Tax Map:	440-350-2501
Telecomm:	440-350-2586
Treasurer - Lorraine Fende:	440-350-2516
Utilities:	440-350-2652
Utilities: Billing:	440-350-2070
Veterans Services Commission:	440-350-2567
Victim Assistance:	440-350-2691
Visitors Bureau:	440-975-1234

The Board of Commissioners will monitor State and local health guidance throughout the Summer to ensure the safety of our employees and residents.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we balance public health and customer services in Lake County. The Commissioners will evaluate our service model on a weekly basis. Updates will be posted at www.lakecountyohio.gov.

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